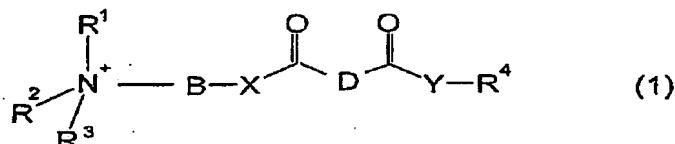


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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

1.(Withdrawn) A method for inhibiting corrosion and gas hydrate formation in mixtures of hydrocarbon and water, said method comprising adding to said mixture a compound of formula (1)



where

R^1, R^2 are each independently C_1 - to C_{22} -alkyl, C_2 - to C_{22} -alkenyl, C_6 - to C_{30} -aryl or C_7 - to C_{30} -alkylaryl,

R^3 is C_1 - to C_{22} -alkyl, C_2 - to C_{22} -alkenyl, C_6 - to C_{30} -aryl or C_7 - to C_{30} -alkylaryl, $-\text{CHR}^5-\text{COO}^-$ or $-\text{O}^-$,

R^4 is M, hydrogen or an organic radical having from 1 to 100 carbon atoms,

B is a straight-chain or branched C_1 - to C_{10} -alkylene group,

D is an ethylene group substituted by an organic radical having from 1 to 600 carbon atoms,

X, Y are each independently O or NR^6 ,

R^5, R^6 are each independently hydrogen, C_1 - to C_{22} -alkyl, C_2 - to C_{22} -alkenyl, C_6 - to C_{30} -aryl or C_7 - to C_{30} -alkylaryl, and

M is a cation.

2.(Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, wherein B is a C_2 - to C_4 -alkylene group.

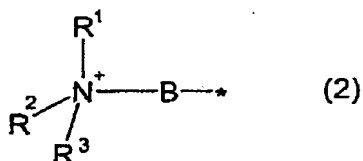
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3.(Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, wherein R¹ and R² are each independently an alkyl or alkenyl group of from 2 to 14 carbon atoms.

4.(Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, wherein R³ is an alkyl or alkenyl group having from 1 to 12 carbon atoms.

5.(Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, wherein R⁵ and R⁶ are hydrogen.

6.(Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, wherein R⁴ is a radical of the formula (2)



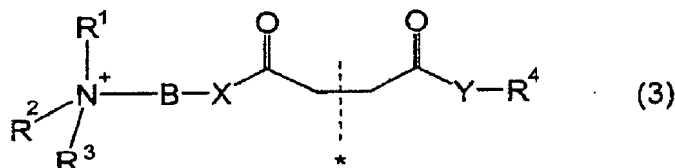
where R¹, R², R³ and B are each as defined in claim 1.

7.(Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, wherein D is a structural unit of the formula



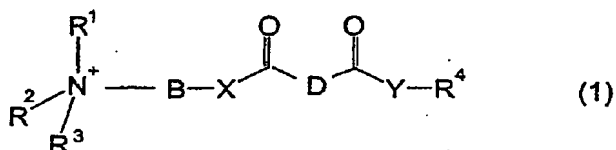
in which R⁷ is C₂ - to C₁₀₀-alkyl or alkenyl radicals.

8.(Withdrawn) The method of claim 7, wherein R⁷ is structural units of the formula (3)

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where R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , B, X and Y are each as defined in claim 1.

9.(Currently Amended) A compound of formula (1)



where

R^1 , R^2 are each independently C_1 - to C_{22} -alkyl, C_2 - to C_{22} -alkenyl, C_6 - to C_{30} -aryl or C_7 - to C_{30} -alkylaryl,

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R^4 is $[[M,]]$ hydrogen or an organic radical having from 1 to 100 carbon atoms,

B is a straight-chain or branched C_1 - to C_{10} -alkylene group,

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M is a cation.

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10.(Withdrawn)

atoms.

The method of claim 1, wherein R⁴ contains hetero

11.(Withdrawn)

hetero atoms.

The compound of claim 9, wherein R⁴ contains